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Thank you for your request received on 19 April 2021, for the following information:

# Freedom of Information request- parking surveys

This request is made under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations and is submitted on behalf of Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents' Association.

The term 'documents' used below includes documents whether in written or in electronic formats and includes reports, papers, notes, emails, letters and memoranda.

In the result, issued 9 April 2021, of the internal review concerning Freedom of Information request 6929048, it was confirmed that 'The Lambeth model is not in use in the London Borough of Barnet.' The Lambeth Model is a methodology for carrying out parking surveys used, inter alia, to support planning applications.

- 1. Does the Council have a preferred methodology (or methodologies) to be used for parking surveys used to support planning applications submitted to the Council? If so, what is its name/title and please provide a copy.
- 2. If the Council has such a preferred methodology please provide copies of any documents which contain guidance or instructions to officers and staff ( whether in the Planning Department or the Highways Department) as to 2.1 the application of that methodology or modifications to it that might be applied in particular circumstances
- 2.2 the circumstances in which the use of the standard methodology is inappropriate.
- 3. If the Council has no such a preferred methodology please provide copies of any documents which contain guidance or instructions to officers and staff ( whether in the Planning Department or the Highways Department) as to the methodology (or methodologies) to be used for parking surveys used to support planning applications submitted to the Council.
- 4. If the Council has no such a preferred methodology, and no documents containing guidance or instructions as mentioned in 3 above, please provide copies of any documents which contain guidance or instructions to officers and staff ( whether in the Planning Department or the Highways Department) as to how those officers and staff should deal with planning applications in

relation to which a parking survey id either required or is submitted, so far as such guidance or instructions relate to parking surveys.

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

### Response

The Lambeth Methodology is the preferred and most appropriate method used to assess the level of onstreet parking availability surrounding an application site. This is not mentioned in the policy but is the most commonly used by transport consultants within Barnet and is recommended by highway officers.

#### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <a href="http://open.barnet.gov.uk/">http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</a>

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>). There is no charge for making an appeal.